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April 27, 2004

Ms. Meredith Robertson  
Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
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Dear Ms. Robinson:

In response to our many telephone conversations and CMS' letters dated March 26 and April 23, 2004, the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) is resubmitting for your review and approval the amendment to California's Title XXI State Plan. This State Plan Amendment (SPA) supports federal claiming for the County Children's Health Insurance Program (C-CHIP), and for additional infants born to mothers enrolled in the Access for Infants and Mothers (AIM) Program.

MRMIB submits this revised SPA confident that it reflects those issues raised by CMS on the C-CHIP projects, additional AIM infants, and many other unrelated changes that were requested. A most recent concern raised by CMS in its letter dated April 23, 2004, is the source of funding for the C-CHIP projects. We trust that CMS finds the explanation below sufficient to address their concern.

Source of Funding

In our March 9, 2004, SPA resubmission MRMIB provided detailed descriptions of the local county source of funds. Pursuant to CMS' letter of April 23, 2004, the health plans have confirmed that no funds will be provided to the counties. Thus, plans do not contribute funding to the local government account(s) prior to the local government making the intergovernmental transfer, nor do they return any portion of the plans' payment to local government accounts on receipt of payments. As we have described in the SPA, counties have identified and allocated their own local funds for C-CHIP.

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We look forward to your approval of this amendment so that California may continue to aggressively promote enrollment in the Healthy Families Program and reduce the number of uninsured children in the state. If you have any questions on this state plan amendment, please feel free to contact Janette Lopez of my staff at [JLopez@mrmib.ca.gov](mailto:JLopez@mrmib.ca.gov) or (916) 327-6237.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lesley Cummings". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Lesley Cummings  
Executive Director

Enclosures